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Amendment 1
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights, the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, the declarations, recommendations and resolutions of the **Council** of Ministers and Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and the documents of the Venice Commission and Commissioner for Human Rights on freedom of expression, of information and of the media,

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to Protocol No 29, annexed to the TEU, on the system of public broadcasting in the Member States,

Or. en

Amendment 3
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to Directive 2010/13/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2010 on the coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in Member States concerning the provision of audiovisual media services (Audiovisual Media Services Directive)¹,

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^{1a}COM (2012) 203 final, 4.5.2012

Or. en

Amendment 4

Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the independent study, conducted at the Commission's request, in which a Media Monitoring Tool is defined with indicators to highlight threats to media pluralism,

Or. en

Amendment 5

Renate Weber, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the European Charter on Freedom of the Press^{1a}

^{1a}<http://www.pressfreedom.eu/en/index.php>
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Or. en

Amendment 6
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to its resolutions of 20 November 2002 on media concentration², of 4 September 2003 on the situation as regards fundamental rights in the European Union (2002)³, of 4 September 2003 on Television without Frontiers⁴, of 6 September 2005 on the application of Articles 4 and 5 of Directive 89/552/EEC (‘Television without Frontiers’), as amended by Directive 97/36/EC, for the period 2001-2002⁵, of 22 April 2004 on the risks of violation, in the EU and especially in Italy, of freedom of expression and information (Article 11(2) of the Charter of Fundamental⁶, of 25 September 2008 on concentration and pluralism in the media in the European Union⁷, and of 10 March 2011 on media law in Hungary⁸,

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^{7a}**Texts adopted P7_TA(2010)0438.**

Or. en

Amendment 7
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
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Or. en

Amendment 8
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
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Or. en

Amendment 9 **Kinga Göncz**

Motion for a resolution **Citation 7**

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law in Hungary⁸,

service broadcasting in the digital era: the future of the dual system, and of 10 March 2011 on media law in Hungary⁸,

Or. en

Amendment 10
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the European Initiative for Media Pluralism which has been registered by the European Commission and which aims at protecting media pluralism through partial harmonisation of national rules on media ownership and transparency, conflicts of interest with political office and independence of media supervisory authorities,

Or. en

Amendment 11
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Protocol on the system of public broadcasting in the Member States annexed to the TEU^{8a},

^{8a}*Protocol on the system of public broadcasting in the Member States (OJ C 83, 30.3.2010, p. 312) known as the Protocol of Amsterdam.*

Amendment 12
Claude Moraes

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to Recital 8 and Recital 94 of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive¹ which outline the need for Member States to prevent any actions which create dominant positions, restrict pluralism and enable independent regulatory bodies to carry out their work transparently and impartially,

¹Directive 2010/13/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2010 on the coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in Member States concerning the provision of audiovisual media services (Audiovisual Media Services Directive).

Or. en

Amendment 13
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Protocol on the system of public broadcasting in the Member States annexed to the TEU,

Or. en

Amendment 14
Rui Tavares
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Judith Sargentini

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the work carried out by OSCE on media freedom, and in particular by its Representative on Freedom of the Media, **and** the related reports,

Amendment

– having regard to the work carried out by OSCE on media freedom, and in particular by its Representative on Freedom of the Media, the related reports, **and the speech delivered through video in the hearing of the Civil Liberties Committee on media freedom on 6 November 2012,**

Or. en

Amendment 15
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Citation 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– **having regard to the independent study "The indicators for media pluralism in the Member States - Towards a risk-based approach" requested by the Commission in 2007 and issued in 2009, drafted by K.U.Leuven – ICRI, Jönköping International Business School - MMTC, Central European University - CMCS and Ernst & Young Consultancy Belgium,**

Or. en

Amendment 16
Rui Tavares, Judith Sargentini

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the ongoing citizens' initiative 'European Initiative for Media Pluralism'¹,

¹ www.mediainitiative.eu

Or. en

Amendment 17
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the report of the EP Committee on Culture and Education on the "Public service broadcasting in the digital era: the future of the dual system" (2010/2028(INI)),

Or. en

Amendment 18
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Citation 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the report of the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education on concentration and pluralism in the media in the

Amendment 19
Georgios Papanikolaou

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the media play a fundamental ‘public watchdog’ role in democracy, as they allow citizens to exercise their right to be informed, to scrutinise and to judge the actions and decisions of those exercising or holding power or influence, in particular on the occasion of electoral consultations;

Amendment

A. whereas the media play a fundamental ‘public watchdog’ role in democracy, as they allow citizens to exercise their right to be informed, to scrutinise and to judge the actions and decisions of those exercising or holding power or influence, in particular on the occasion of electoral consultations;
whereas they can also play a part in establishing the public agenda using their authority as information gatekeepers and hence act as opinion formers;

Amendment 20
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas ***the media play a fundamental*** ‘public watchdog’ role in democracy, as ***they allow citizens to exercise their right to be informed, to scrutinise and to judge the actions and decisions of those exercising or holding power or influence, in particular on the occasion of electoral consultations;***

Amendment

A. whereas media ***carry out a "public watchdog"*** role in democracy, as they ***provide information to the citizens;***

Amendment 21
Marco Scurria

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas free and independent media and free exchange of information have a decisive role in the democratic transformations taking place in non-democratic regimes, as the Arab Spring recently demonstrated, the Commission is requested to closely monitor media freedom and pluralism in accession countries and to pay sufficient attention to the role of free media in the promotion of democracy throughout the world; highlights the importance of the European Endowment for Democracy in this respect;

Amendment 22
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas freedom of the media is a cornerstone of the values enshrined in the Treaties, such as democracy, pluralism, and respect for the rights of minorities and whereas the history thereof, under the name of "freedom of the press", has been constitutive of the progress of democratic ideas and of the development of the European ideal in history;

Amendment 23
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas journalists should be free from the pressure of owners, managers, governments and financial constraints;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas freedom of expression in the public sphere has been shown to be formative of democracy and the rule of law itself, and coaxial to its existence and survival;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ac. whereas an autonomous and strong public sphere, based upon independent

and plural media, constitutes the essential environment where the collective freedoms of civil society, such as the right of assembly and association, as well as the individual freedoms, such as the right to freedom of expression and the right of access to information can thrive;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Recital A d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ad. whereas media freedom, pluralism and the independence of journalism are essential elements to the very exercise of the media service throughout the entire Union, and particularly in the single market; thus any restrictions to media freedom, pluralism and the independence of journalism are restrictions to the freedom of opinion and also to economic freedom;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Recital A e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ae. whereas information by its own nature, and in particular in view of the technological changes of the last decades, goes beyond geographical boundaries and performs a crucial role in informing

national communities living abroad, and provides tools that allow for the mutual knowledge and understanding across borders and state; whereas including online, but not limited to it, media have acquired a global character on which the expectations and needs of the public and in particular consumers of information, are now dependant;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas citizens' fundamental rights to freedom of expression and information can be guaranteed only through media freedom and pluralism, whereby journalists and the media can exercise their right and duty to inform citizens on events and decisions of public interest;

Amendment

B. whereas citizens' fundamental rights to freedom of expression and information can be guaranteed only through media freedom and pluralism, whereby journalists and the media can exercise their right and duty to inform citizens on events and decisions of public interest, *and where every member of the society has a right to express her or his views in a democratic and peaceful way;*

Or. en

Amendment 29
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas citizens' fundamental rights to freedom of expression and information can be guaranteed only through media freedom

Amendment

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and pluralism, whereby journalists and the media can exercise their right and duty to inform citizens on events and decisions of public interest;

and pluralism, whereby journalists and the media can exercise their right and duty to inform ***in a fair and neutral manner*** citizens on events and decisions of public interest;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas citizens' fundamental rights to freedom of expression and information ***can be guaranteed only*** through media freedom and pluralism, ***whereby*** journalists and ***the*** media can exercise their right and duty to inform citizens on events and decisions of public interest;

Amendment

B. whereas citizens' fundamental rights to freedom of expression and ***of*** information ***may be also guaranteed*** through media freedom and pluralism, ***where*** journalists and media can exercise their right and duty to ***impartially and objectively*** inform citizens on ***relevant*** events and decisions of public interest;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Marco Scurria

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ba. whereas the European Court of Human Rights has delivered a positive obligation for Member States to ensure media pluralism from Article 10 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, which includes similar provisions as those contained in Article 11 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, that is part of the

Amendment

acquis communautaire;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas the changes in the media world and in communication technologies have redefined the arena of information exchange and the way in which people are informed and public opinion is shaped;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas an European-wide public sphere based upon continuous and uninterrupted respect for media freedom and pluralism is a crucial element for the integration process of the Union in accordance with the values enshrined in the Treaties, the accountability of European Institutions and development of European democracy, for example in what regards the elections for the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. whereas a vibrant, competitive and pluralistic (audiovisual and written) media landscape stimulates the participation of citizens in public debate, which is essential for a well-functioning democratic system;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas NGOs, associations monitoring media freedom, the Council of Europe and OSCE, as well as EP studies and resolutions, have reported on and warned against the threats posed to the media by governments, including in the European Union¹¹ ;

C. whereas NGOs, associations monitoring media freedom, the Council of Europe and OSCE, as well as EP studies and resolutions, have reported on and warned against the threats posed to the ***free and independent*** media by governments, including in the European Union¹¹ ;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Hannu Takkula

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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media freedom, the Council of Europe and OSCE, as well as EP studies and resolutions, have reported on and warned against the threats posed to the media by governments, including in the European Union¹¹ ;

media freedom, the Council of Europe and OSCE, as well as EP studies and resolutions, have reported on and warned against the threats posed to the media by governments, including *some* in the European Union¹¹;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the European Union is committed to protecting media pluralism as an essential pillar of the right to information and freedom of expression, as enshrined in Article 11 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Amendment

E. whereas the European Union is committed to protecting media pluralism as an essential pillar of the right to information and freedom of expression, ***which are essential milestones for active citizenship and participative democracy***, as enshrined in Article 11 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the European Union is committed to ***protecting*** media pluralism as an essential pillar of the right to information and freedom of expression, as enshrined in Article 11 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Amendment

E. whereas the European Union is committed to ***protect and promote*** media pluralism as an essential pillar of the right to information and freedom of expression, as enshrined in Article 11 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas media freedom is a qualifying criteria for accession of candidate countries to the EU on the basis of the Copenhagen criteria and one of the principles the EU promotes in its foreign policy and whereas the EU and its Member States should consequently lead by example internally, hereby ensuring credibility and coherence;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas Parliament has repeatedly expressed concern about media freedom, pluralism and concentration and has called on the Commission to take appropriate measures, including by proposing a legislative initiative on the matter;

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Or. en

Amendment 41
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas on 16 January 2007 the Commission launched a ‘three-step approach’, comprising a Commission Staff Working Paper on Media Pluralism, an independent study on media pluralism in EU Member States, with indicators for assessing media pluralism in the EU Member States (in 2007), and a Commission Communication on the indicators for media pluralism in the EU Member States (in 2008), followed by a public consultation¹² ;

Amendment

G. whereas on 16 January 2007 the Commission launched a ‘three-step approach’, comprising a Commission Staff Working Paper on Media Pluralism, an independent study on media pluralism in EU Member States, with indicators for assessing media pluralism **and identifying potential risks** in the EU Member States (in 2007), and a Commission Communication on the indicators for media pluralism in the EU Member States (in 2008), followed by a public consultation¹²;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas on 16 January 2007 the Commission launched a ‘three-step approach’, comprising a Commission Staff Working Paper on Media Pluralism, an independent study on media pluralism in EU Member States, with indicators for assessing media pluralism in the EU Member States (in 2007), and a Commission Communication on the indicators for media pluralism in the EU Member States (in 2008), followed by a public consultation¹² ;

Amendment

G. whereas on 16 January 2007 the Commission launched a ‘three-step approach’, comprising a Commission Staff Working Paper on Media Pluralism, an independent study on media pluralism in EU Member States, with indicators for assessing media pluralism in the EU Member States (in 2007), and a Commission Communication on the indicators for media pluralism in the EU Member States (in 2008), followed by a public consultation¹²; **whereas the media pluralism tool developed in the independent study was not yet implemented;**

Or. en

Amendment 43
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas this approach was discontinued by the Commission, as neither the Communication, nor the public consultation were ever launched;

Amendment

H. whereas this approach was **unfortunately** discontinued by the Commission, as neither the Communication, nor the public consultation were ever launched;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Hannu Takkula

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas, with the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, the Charter of Fundamental Rights has become binding; whereas the Charter is the first international document that explicitly states that ‘the freedom and pluralism of the media shall be respected’ (Article 11(2)); whereas the Treaties provide the EU with a mandate and powers to ensure that fundamental rights are protected in the European Union, notably on the basis of Articles 2 and 7 of the TEU;

Amendment

I. whereas, with the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, the Charter of Fundamental Rights has become binding; whereas the Charter is the first international document that explicitly states that ‘the freedom and pluralism of the media shall be respected’ (Article 11(2)); whereas the Treaties provide the EU with a mandate and powers to ensure that **all** fundamental rights are protected in the European Union, notably on the basis of Articles 2 and 7 of the TEU;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas Member States have a duty to protect freedom of opinion, expression, information and the media, as these principles are also guaranteed in their constitutions and laws; whereas, should these freedoms be placed at serious risk or violated in a Member State, the European Union must intervene on the basis of the Treaties and **of** the Charter to protect the European democratic and pluralistic order and fundamental rights;

Amendment

J. whereas Member States have a duty to protect freedom of opinion, expression, information and the media, as these principles are also guaranteed in their constitutions and laws, **and also to provide citizens with fair and equal access to different sources of information and thus to differing viewpoints and opinions**; whereas, should these freedoms be placed at serious risk or violated in a Member State, the European Union must intervene **timely and effectively** on the basis of **its competencies enshrined in** the Treaties and **in** the Charter to protect the European democratic and pluralistic order and fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Antigoni Papadopoulou

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas Member States have a duty to protect freedom of opinion, expression, information and the media, as these principles are also guaranteed in their constitutions and laws; whereas, should these freedoms be placed at serious risk or violated in a Member State, the European Union must intervene on the basis of the Treaties and of the Charter to protect the European democratic and pluralistic order and fundamental rights;

Amendment

J. whereas Member States have a duty to protect freedom of opinion, expression, information and the media, as these principles are also guaranteed in their constitutions and laws; whereas **they have in addition the duty to respect and protect private and family life, home and communications as well as personal data of citizens according to Articles 7 and 8 of the Charter**; whereas, should these freedoms be placed at serious risk or violated in a Member State, the European Union must intervene on the basis of the Treaties and of the Charter to protect the

European democratic and pluralistic order
and fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas Member States have a duty to protect freedom of opinion, expression, information and the media, as these principles are also guaranteed in their constitutions and laws; ***whereas, should these freedoms be placed at serious risk or violated in a Member State, the European Union must intervene on the basis of the Treaties and of the Charter to protect the European democratic and pluralistic order and fundamental rights;***

Amendment

J. whereas Member States have a duty to protect freedom of opinion, expression, information and the media, as these principles are also guaranteed in their constitutions and laws;

Or. pl

Amendment 48
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas Member States have a duty to protect freedom of opinion, expression, information and the media, as these principles are also guaranteed in their constitutions and laws; whereas, should these freedoms be placed at serious risk or violated in a Member State, the European Union must intervene on the basis of the Treaties and of the Charter to protect the

Amendment

J. whereas Member States have a duty to ***constantly promote and*** protect freedom of opinion, expression, information and the media, as these principles are also guaranteed in their constitutions and laws; whereas, should these freedoms be placed at serious risk or violated in a Member State, the European Union must intervene on the basis of the Treaties and of the

European democratic and pluralistic order and fundamental rights;

Charter to protect the European democratic and pluralistic order and fundamental rights;

Or. sl

Amendment 49
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas the EU has competences in media-related fields such as the internal market, audiovisual policy, competition, **telecommunications**, State subsidies, **public service obligations** and fundamental rights; whereas Parliament has stated that, on this basis, minimum essential standards should be defined in order to ensure, guarantee and promote freedom of information and an adequate level of media pluralism and independent media governance¹³; whereas the Commission has entrusted the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom of the European University Institute to conduct an analysis on the scope of EU competences in the field of media freedom;

Amendment

K. whereas the EU has competences in media-related fields such as the internal market, audiovisual policy, competition, **including** State subsidies, **telecommunications** and fundamental rights; whereas Parliament has stated that, on this basis, minimum essential standards should be defined in order to ensure, guarantee and promote freedom of information and an adequate level of media pluralism and independent media governance¹³; whereas the Commission has entrusted the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom of the European University Institute to conduct an analysis on the scope of EU competences in the field of media freedom;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas concerns arise in relation to the challenges facing public service

Amendment

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broadcasters in terms of editorial independence, *staff recruitment*, pluralism, neutrality and quality of information, access and funding, caused by undue political and financial interference, as well as the economic crisis;

broadcasters in terms of editorial independence *from politics and capital, precarious employment*, pluralism, neutrality and quality of information, access and *permanent* funding, caused by undue political and financial interference, as well as the economic crisis;

Or. sl

Amendment 51
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas concerns arise in relation to the challenges facing public service broadcasters in terms of editorial independence, staff recruitment, pluralism, neutrality and quality of information, access and funding, caused by undue political and financial interference, *as well as the economic crisis*;

Amendment

L. whereas concerns arise in relation to the challenges *and pressure* facing *the media and* public service broadcasters *especially* in terms of editorial independence, staff recruitment, pluralism, neutrality and quality of information, access and funding, caused by undue political and financial interference;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas concerns arise in relation to the challenges facing public service broadcasters in terms of editorial independence, staff recruitment, pluralism, neutrality and quality of information, access and funding, caused by undue political and financial interference, as well

Amendment

L. whereas concerns arise in relation to the challenges facing *the media, notably* public service broadcasters in terms of editorial independence, staff recruitment, pluralism, neutrality and quality of information, access and funding, caused by undue political and financial interference,

as the economic crisis;

as well as the economic crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution

Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas concerns arise in relation to the challenges facing public *service broadcasters* in terms of editorial independence, staff recruitment, pluralism, neutrality and quality of information, access and funding, caused by undue political and financial interference, as well as the economic crisis;

Amendment

L. whereas concerns arise in relation to the challenges facing public *and private media* in terms of editorial independence, staff recruitment, pluralism, neutrality and quality of information, access and funding, caused by undue political and financial interference, as well as the economic crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Rui Tavares

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Judith Sargentini

Motion for a resolution

Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas concerns arise in relation to the challenges facing public service broadcasters in terms of editorial independence, staff recruitment, pluralism, neutrality and quality of information, access and funding, caused by undue political and financial interference, as well as the economic crisis;

Amendment

L. whereas concerns arise in relation to the challenges facing public service broadcasters in terms of editorial independence, staff recruitment, *self censorship*, pluralism, neutrality and quality of information, access and funding, caused by undue political and financial interference, as well as the economic crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

La. whereas concerns arise in relation to the high unemployment rate of journalists in Europe, and the large degree of them who act as freelancers, with limited job stability, support, and a great amount of uncertainty;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

M. whereas the *private* media are faced with growing domestic but also cross-border concentration, with media conglomerates distributing their products in different countries, rising intra-EU media investments, and non-European investors and media exerting an increasing influence in Europe;

M. whereas the media are faced with growing domestic but also cross-border concentration, with media conglomerates distributing their products in different countries, rising intra-EU media investments, and non-European investors and media exerting an increasing influence in Europe *leading to the monopolization of information and undermining the pluralism of opinions;*

Or. en

Amendment 57
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas the private media are faced with growing domestic but also cross-border concentration, with media conglomerates distributing their products in different countries, rising intra-EU media investments, and non-European investors and media exerting an increasing influence in Europe;

Amendment

M. whereas the private media are faced with growing domestic but also cross-border concentration, with media conglomerates distributing their products in different countries, rising intra-EU media investments, and non-European investors and media exerting an increasing influence in Europe; ***whereas there is a certain concern regarding the sources of financing of some private media, including in the European Union;***

Or. en

Amendment 58
Zbigniew Ziobro

Motion for a resolution
Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ma. whereas concerns arise about freedom of media in Poland where more than 2.25 million Polish citizens have signed a petition demanding that catholic TV Trwam be granted a place on the multiplex and protesting against the restriction of media pluralism in Poland; whereas several protest marches several thousand strong have been held in more than 60 Polish cities and towns;

Or. pl

Amendment 59
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. whereas the current financial crisis is jeopardising media plurality, leading to problems including threats to freedom of speech and censorship, the financial collapse of numerous media outlets and the laying off of employees, which have affected the public media in several Member States; whereas austerity measures which reduce public funding for public media threaten their freedom and existence;

Or. sl

Amendment 60
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. whereas the European public has, throughout numerous inquests, opinion studies and public initiatives, voiced its concerns about a deterioration of the state of media freedom and pluralism, and repeatedly demanded EU action for the preservation of media freedom and development of a strong, independent and plural mediascape;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. whereas the speeding up of the news cycle has led to severe shortcomings of journalists, such as the omission of controlling and double-checking journalistic sources;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. whereas the development of digital environment can play an essential role for the access to the online information of European citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Recital M b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Mb. whereas the media landscape is undergoing fundamental changes, and whereas, particularly in this time of economic crisis, an increasing proportion of journalists are working under precarious conditions of employment and facing a lack of social security, by comparison with labour market standards, and related challenges for the future of journalism;

Amendment 64
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Recital M b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Mb. whereas petitions have been sent to the European Parliament regarding the same concerns and demands by citizens, thereby showing a request for action on the part of the European institutions, and namely the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Recital M c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Mc. whereas the technological changes brought by the internet, personal computing, and more recently mobile computing have profoundly changed the informational infrastructure in ways that have had consequences on the business model of more traditional media, in particular its reliance on the advertisement market, thereby imperilling the survival of media titles that perform an important civic and democratic role; whereas it is therefore the obligation of public authorities, at the Member State as well as the Union level, to create a toolbox available during this transition period that will help guarantee the survival of the values and tasks performed by

independent media, regardless of the technological platform they will assume now or in the future; in this respect calls on the Commission to conduct a study on the effects of technological changes on the media business model and its consequences for media freedom and pluralism;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Recital M d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Md. whereas the recent economic crisis has made the difficulties of media titles worse and, by the increasing precariousness of the journalist's role, made the mediascape more vulnerable to economic or political pressure, as well as more fragile in itself; these phenomena have had special consequences in the journalistic genres that are more expensive or take more time to develop, such as investigative journalism, reportage, and the posting of international and European correspondents; whereas these types of journalism are essential to guarantee the responsabilization and accountability of public and political authorities, to stop abuses of economic and institutional power, and to ensure the uncovering and prosecution of criminal activity in the social, environmental or humanitarian areas; calls on the Commission to conduct a study on the effects of the crisis and of precarious employment on the journalistic community with a view to analyse and try to remedy the consequences thereof to

media freedom and pluralism;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Recital M e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Me. whereas technological change, a diverse population of independent journalistic professional, and the acquisition of the plural competences needed to gather and produce quality today also create opportunities for the creation of new crossplatform and transnational journalistic ventures that can be supported through both public and market-based policies;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Calls on the Member States and the European Union to respect, guarantee, protect and promote the fundamental right to freedom of expression and information, and media freedom and pluralism, and hence to refrain from exerting, and develop mechanisms to impede, threats to media freedom such as trying to unduly and politically influence and impose partisan control and censorship on the media;

1. Calls on the Member States and the European Union to respect, guarantee, protect and promote the fundamental right to freedom of expression and information, and media freedom and pluralism, and hence to refrain from exerting, and develop mechanisms to impede, threats to media freedom such as trying to unduly and politically influence and impose partisan control and censorship on the media, *and politically motivated financial*

*blackmailing of public service
broadcasters, including the politically
motivated establishment of alternative
state-owned broadcasters;*

Or. sl

Amendment 69
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Member States and the European Union to respect, guarantee, protect and promote the fundamental right to freedom of expression and information, and media freedom and pluralism, and hence to refrain from exerting, and develop mechanisms to impede, threats to media freedom such as trying to unduly and politically influence and impose partisan control and censorship on the media;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Member States and the European Union to respect, guarantee, protect and promote the fundamental right to freedom of expression and information, and media freedom and pluralism, and hence to refrain from exerting, and develop *or support* mechanisms to impede, threats to media freedom such as trying to unduly and politically influence and impose partisan control and censorship on the media;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Member States and the European Union to respect, guarantee, protect and promote the fundamental right to freedom of expression and information, and media freedom and pluralism, and hence to refrain from exerting, and develop mechanisms to impede, threats to media

Amendment

1. *As the public media are under the influence and pressure of some political groups or serve private political interests,* calls on the Member States and the European Union to respect, guarantee, protect and promote the fundamental right to freedom of expression and information,

freedom such as trying to unduly and politically influence and impose partisan control and censorship on the media;

and media freedom and pluralism, and hence to refrain from exerting, and develop mechanisms to impede, threats to media freedom such as trying to unduly and politically influence and impose partisan control and censorship on the media;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Ioan Enciu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

1. Calls on the Member States and the European Union to respect, guarantee, protect and promote the fundamental right to freedom of expression and information, and media freedom and pluralism, and hence to refrain from exerting, and develop mechanisms to impede, threats to media freedom such as trying to unduly and politically influence and impose partisan control and censorship on the media *or limit or wrongfully restrict the freedom and independence of the mass media, for example by means of arguments relating to security*;

Or. ro

Amendment 72

Philip Claeys

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls for the devising of procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity, independence, consensus across the political and social spectrum and continuity, instead of ***political or partisan criteria in the framework of a spoil system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power;***

Amendment

2. Calls for the devising of procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity, independence, ***maximum*** consensus across the political and social spectrum and continuity, instead of ***being subject to*** the will of those in power;

Or. nl

Amendment 73

Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls for the devising of procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity, independence, consensus across the political and social spectrum and continuity, instead of political or partisan criteria in the framework of a spoil system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power;

Amendment

2. Calls for the devising of procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity, independence, consensus across the political and social spectrum and continuity, instead of political or partisan criteria in the framework of a spoil system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power; ***notes the fact that every Member State should establish a list of criteria in appointing state media heads or boards, in line with the principles of independence, integrity, experience and professionalism;***

Amendment 74
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls *for the devising of* procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity, independence, ***consensus across the*** political and social spectrum ***and continuity***, instead of political or partisan criteria in the framework of a spoil system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power;

Amendment

2. Calls ***on the Member States to devise*** procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity ***and*** independence, ***representing as far as possible the entire*** political and social spectrum, instead of political or partisan criteria in the framework of a spoil system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power;

Amendment 75
Hannu Takkula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

2. Calls for the devising of procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity, independence, consensus across the political and social spectrum and continuity, instead of political or partisan criteria in the

framework of a *spoil* system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power;

framework of a *reward* system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls for the *devising of* procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity, independence, consensus across the political and social spectrum and continuity, instead of political or partisan criteria in the framework of a spoil system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power;

Amendment

2. Calls for the *Member States to devise* procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity, independence, consensus across the political and social spectrum and continuity, instead of political or partisan criteria in the framework of a spoil system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power; *calls on the Member States to establish guarantees to provide the independence of media councils and regulatory bodies from the political influence of the government, the parliamentary majority or any other group of the society;*

Or. en

Amendment 77
Csaba Sógor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls for the devising of procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity, independence, consensus across the political and social spectrum and continuity, instead of political or partisan criteria in the framework of a spoil system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power;

Amendment

2. Calls for the devising of procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of **public** media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity, independence, consensus across the political and social spectrum and continuity, instead of political or partisan criteria in the framework of a spoil system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls for the devising of procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity, independence, consensus across the political and social spectrum and **continuity**, instead of political or partisan criteria in the framework of a spoil system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power;

Amendment

2. Calls **on the Member States** for the devising of procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity, independence, consensus across the political and social spectrum and **legal certainty**, instead of political or partisan criteria in the framework of a spoil system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Rui Tavares, Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 2**

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls for the devising of procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity, independence, consensus across the political and social spectrum and continuity, instead of political or partisan criteria in the framework of a spoil system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power;

Amendment

2. Calls for the devising of **legally binding EU minimum standards for** procedures and mechanisms for the selection and appointment of media heads, management boards, media councils and regulatory bodies that are transparent, based on merit and indisputable experience and that ensure professionalism, integrity, independence, **and, as far as the management of public service broadcasting is concerned,** consensus across the political and social spectrum and continuity, instead of political or partisan criteria in the framework of a spoil system linked to the results of elections or the will of those in power;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Rui Tavares
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

3. Highlights that media pluralism is a pillar of media freedom, in terms of ensuring that media are diversified, ensure access to different social and political actors, opinions and viewpoints (including NGOs, citizens' associations, minorities, etc), and offer a wide range of views;

Amendment

3. Highlights that media pluralism is a pillar of media freedom, in terms of ensuring that media are diversified, ensure access to different social and political actors, opinions and viewpoints (including NGOs, citizens' associations, minorities, etc), and offer a wide range of views; **stresses the importance of exercising the right to freedom of speech without**

discrimination of any kind and on the basis of equality and equal treatment;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Highlights that media pluralism is a pillar of media freedom, in terms of ensuring that media are diversified, ensure access to different social and political actors, opinions and viewpoints (including NGOs, citizens' associations, minorities, etc), and offer a wide range of views;

Amendment

3. Highlights that media pluralism is a pillar of media freedom, in terms of ensuring that media are diversified, ensure access to different social and political actors, opinions and viewpoints (including NGOs, citizens' associations, minorities, etc), and offer a wide range of views; *considers that the provision of varied and objective information to the public is vital in order to create and maintain democratic public opinion; in addition to the existing regulations, thought should be given, with regard to the requirement for the provision of balanced information (and the right of reply), to ways in which other joint European minimum regulations can be laid down and how their implementation can be made compulsory for online content;*

Or. hu

Amendment 82
Rui Tavares
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Judith Sargentini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Highlights that media pluralism *is a pillar* of media freedom, in terms of ensuring that media are diversified, ensure access to different social and political actors, opinions and viewpoints (including NGOs, citizens' associations, minorities, etc), and offer a wide range of views;

Amendment

3. Highlights that media pluralism *and journalistic and editorial independence are pillars* of media freedom, in terms of ensuring that media are diversified, ensure access to different social and political actors, opinions and viewpoints (including NGOs, citizens' associations, minorities, etc), and offer a wide range of views

Or. en

Amendment 83
Claude Moraes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

3a. Highlights that the concentration of ownership of the media systems jeopardises pluralism and cultural diversity and leads to the uniformity of media content; urges the Commission to safeguard media pluralism to ensure all EU citizens have access to free and diversified media in all Member States and to recommend improvements when needed;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls Member States to ensure that

cultural communities divided in several regional governments or Member States are able to have access to media in their language, and that no political decision cuts this access;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Recalls that, according to the European Court of Human Rights, states members must guarantee media pluralism under Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights. Article 10 of that Convention contains provisions similar to those in Article 11 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, which forms part of the Community acquis;

Or. bg

Amendment 86
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, notably of institutional and political nature, in

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, notably of institutional and political nature, in

particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, etc;

particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, etc; ***finds that free market entry is leading to a rapid rise in the number of commercial media providers, so that further requirements may have to be laid down for these providers with regard to public access to value-sustaining and value-creating content;***

Or. hu

Amendment 87

Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, notably of institutional and political nature, in particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, *etc*;

Amendment

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information ***for diverse audiences which is independent of pressure from politics and capital***; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, notably of institutional and political nature, in particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, *etc.*;

Or. sl

Amendment 88

Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through

Amendment

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the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, notably of institutional and political nature, in particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, etc;

the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, notably of institutional and political nature, in particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, etc; ***urges the Member States to exempt the independent non-entertainment media from value added tax and to introduce additional/increased taxation for media programmes with a pornographic content;***

Or. bg

Amendment 89
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, notably of institutional and political nature, in particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, etc;

Amendment

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; ***underlines the importance that this public service does not serve private interests or be influenced by any means from people from the political scene in the member states, or from political groups in third countries;*** stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, notably of institutional and political nature, in particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, etc;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, ***funded by citizens through the State***, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, notably of institutional and political nature, in particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, etc;

Amendment

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, ***in meeting the needs of citizens***, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, notably of institutional and political nature, in particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, etc;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, notably of institutional and political nature, in particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, etc;

Amendment

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; ***underlines the necessity to guarantee the professional independence of national news agencies; calls to ban the application of means and methods that could lead to the creation of news monopolies***; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, notably of institutional and political nature, in particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, etc;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, **notably** of institutional and political nature, **in particular on the occasion** of elections, referenda, etc;

Amendment

4. ***Underlines the fundamental role of a genuinely balanced European dual system, in which private and public service media play their respective roles;*** recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, ***in particular information*** of institutional and political nature, ***such as in the context*** of elections, referenda, etc;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Judith Sargentini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; ***stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information,*** notably of institutional and political nature, in particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, etc;

Amendment

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; notably of institutional and political nature, in particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, etc;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Csaba Sógor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, notably of institutional and political nature, in particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, etc;

Amendment

4. Recalls the important role of the public service media, funded by citizens through the State, and their institutional duties to provide high quality and accurate and reliable information ***and to offer space for niches not rentable for private media***; stresses that the private media have similar duties in relation to information, notably of institutional and political nature, in particular on the occasion of elections, referenda, etc;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Claude Moraes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

4a. Recognises that continued self-regulation and non-legislative initiatives, where they are independent, impartial and transparent, have an important role to play in ensuring media freedom; calls on the Commission to take measures to support the independence of the media and its regulatory agencies from both the state (including at the European level) and powerful commercial interests;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Recalls that Protocol 29 to the Treaties recognises that the system of public broadcasting in the Member States is directly related to the democratic, social and cultural needs of each society and to the need to preserve media pluralism and consequently foresees that Member States can fund public service broadcasting only insofar as this is provided for the fulfilment of the public service remit and without affecting trading conditions and competition in the Union to an extent which would be contrary to the common interest;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Recalls the specific and distinctive role of public service media, as stated in the Amsterdam Protocol on the system of public broadcasting in the Member States, which is directly related to the democratic, social and cultural needs of each society and to the need to preserve media pluralism;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Recalls the specific and distinctive role of public service media, as stated in the Amsterdam Protocol on the system of public broadcasting in the Member States, which is directly related to the democratic, social and cultural needs of each society and to the need to preserve media pluralism;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Stresses the importance of appropriate, proportionate and stable funding for public service media in order to guarantee political and economical independence, so that public service media may fulfil their full remit - including their social, educational, cultural and democratic role - and that they are able to adapt to digital change and contribute to an inclusive information and knowledge society with representative, high- quality media available to all;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Believes that job stability, responsible and ethical journalism based on the journalists' code of conduct is necessary to the survival of quality investigative journalism, and that these aspects of working in the media market should be restored to journalists; calls on the Commission and Member States to encourage this restoration;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Highlights the worrying tendency in several Member States to apply large budget cuts or to scale down the activity of public service media, which reduces their ability to fulfil their mission; urges Member States to counter this trend and to ensure adequate, sustainable and predictable funding of public service media;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Highlights the worrying tendency in several Member States to apply undue budget cuts or to scale down the activity of public service media, which reduces their ability to fulfil their mission; urges Member States to counter this trend and ensure their stable and sustainable funding;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Stresses that measures to regulate the access of media outlets to the market through broadcast licensing and authorising procedures, rules on the protection of the State, national and military security and public order and rules on the protection of morality and of children should not be abused in order to impose political or partisan control and censorship on the media and impede the fundamental right of citizens to be informed about issues of public interest and importance; warns that the media should not be threatened by the impact of specific interest groups and lobbies, economic actors, or religious groups;

5. Stresses that measures to regulate the access of media outlets to the market through broadcast licensing and authorising procedures, rules on the protection of the State, national and military security and public order and rules on the protection of morality and of children should not be abused in order to impose political or partisan control and censorship on the media and impede the fundamental right of citizens to be informed about issues of public interest and importance; ***notes that a proper balance should be ensured in this respect;*** warns that the media should not be threatened by the impact of specific interest groups and lobbies, economic actors, or religious groups;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Marco Scurria

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Stresses that sufficient attention must be given to the level of concentration of media-ownership in Member States; but underlines that the concept of media pluralism cannot be limited to this issue, as it also includes prohibition of censorship, protection of sources and whistleblowers, issues related to pressure from political actors and market forces, transparency, working conditions of journalists, media control authorities, cultural diversity, the development of new technologies, unrestricted access to information and communication, uncensored access to internet and the digital divide;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Recalls the importance of adapting the scope of the regulation to the specific nature of each media; underlines the importance of setting up self-regulatory bodies of the media, such as complaints commissions and ombudspersons; calls on the Commission to monitor if any legislation adopted in the Member States could lead to undermining the freedom of media and to allowing any kind of government interference in the media;

Amendment 106
Antigoni Papadopoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; highlights that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media;

Amendment

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; ***highlights that the existence of press groups owned by enterprises that may award public procurement contracts represents a threat to media independence and*** calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; highlights that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the ***Commission and the*** Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to

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Or. pl

Amendment 108
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; highlights that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media;

Amendment

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ***work towards the adoption of measures within their powers to tackle excessive media concentration***, ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; highlights that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media;

Or. sl

Amendment 109
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
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the Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls **on the Commission to make the impact assessment of every legislative act in the field of competition on the situation of the media**; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; **condemns** that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media; **calls on the Commission to monitor and on the Members States to guarantee that the state and state companies do not influence the freedom of information and expression and the pluralism of media through their advertising policies**;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; highlights that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media;

Amendment

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; highlights that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media; **recalls the importance of transparency of media funding and clear rules regarding financial aspects of advertising and sponsoring**;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; highlights that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media;

Amendment

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated ***and that to this end a mandatory Single European Register on media ownership should be created and kept on owners and on the media in order to provide the public with information***; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; highlights that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media;

Or. bg

Amendment 112
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; highlights that

Amendment

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; highlights that

advertising and sponsoring *may* cause interference with the editorial line of media;

advertising and sponsoring *should never* cause interference with the editorial line of media;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; *highlights* that advertising and sponsoring *may* cause interference with the editorial line of media;

Amendment

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; *calls for the effective implementation of rules to ensure transparent and fair procedures for State advertising allocation so to guarantee* that advertising and sponsoring *do not* cause interference with the editorial line of media;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure competition

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so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; highlights that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media;

so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved **and, in particular, to ensure that the beneficiary owners of media conglomerates are always public and to avoid conflict of interests;** highlights that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media, **and thus calls for legislation and good practices that ensure the autonomy of the editorial sections of media titles from undue pressure from the advertisement, administrative sections, or undue pressure from the ownership in editorial and journalistic matters;**

Or. en

Amendment 115
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls **on** the Commission **and** the Member States **to ensure** competition **so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market;** calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; highlights that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media;

Amendment

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls **upon** the Commission **to assess how existing competition rules relate to the increasing concentration of commercial media in** the Member States; **calls on the Commission to apply the competition rules and to intervene where the media is too much concentrated and where media pluralism is in danger;** calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; highlights that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media;

Or. en

Amendment 116

Rui Tavares

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Judith Sargentini

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved; highlights that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media;

Amendment

6. Believes that media ownership and management should be transparent and not concentrated; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure competition so as to address and prevent dominant positions and guarantee the access of new entrants on the market; calls for rules to ensure that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and resolved, ***such as those resulting from the amalgamation of political office and control over media outlets***; highlights that advertising and sponsoring may cause interference with the editorial line of media;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Petru Constantin Luhan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6a. Suggests that the Fundamental Rights Agency be mandated to monitor issues of press freedom and be entitled to receive claims from journalists who feel their freedom of expression rights have been unduly restricted;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 118
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to combine competition law with media law in order to ensure plurality and quality in the media market, and to prevent the single point of view from dominating the media spectrum;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Claude Moraes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Highlights that despite the use of competition policy through the EU Merger Regulation and, in particular, Article 21¹ of the Merger Regulation, concern has been raised that these instruments do not adequately control media concentration due to problems of market delimitation, where in some cases large cross-media mergers fall short of turnover thresholds stipulated in EU competition policy and media pluralism;

¹Member States are permitted under Article 21, which stipulates that national authorities may protect 'legitimate interest' to enact national legislation to preserve media pluralism.

Amendment 120
Claude Moraes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. Highlights that market power in the media industry comes not only from monopoly pricing power, but also from political influence leading to regulatory capture, making dominant positions more difficult to dismantle once they are established; calls for competition thresholds to be set lower in the media industry than in other markets;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Claude Moraes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6c. Reminds the Commission that on several occasions in the past it has been asked on the possibility of introducing a legal framework to prevent concentration of ownership and abuse of dominant position; calls on the Commission to propose concrete measures to safeguarding media pluralism including a legislative framework on media ownership rules introducing minimum standards for Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Claude Moraes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6d. Believes that transparency of ownership is an essential component of media pluralism; transparency of media ownership is not guaranteed in all Member States; accurate and up-to-date data on media ownership and management should be available in order to identify excessive media concentrations, and to prevent media organisations from hiding special interests; calls on the Commission to monitor and support progress to promote greater exchange of information on media ownership;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area,

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area,

including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures;

including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures; ***points out in addition that the immunity of investigative journalists from prosecution (including under criminal law) must be guaranteed if they commit infringements in the course of acquiring information in the public good which they would have been able to obtain either not at all or only with undue difficulty by other means; proposes as a further condition for immunity that infringements committed by journalists should cause no disproportionate or serious injury and that the acquisition of information should not involve any breach of the provisions on the protection of classified information;***

Or. hu

Amendment 124
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, ***both*** from ***internal*** pressures from ***editors or owners and externally from*** political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists from ***external*** pressures from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-

of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures;

law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures;

Or. pl

Amendment 125
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures;

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened, ***physically attacked and even have attempts made on their lives*** as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism, ***as it helps uncover irregularities in society and can be of assistance to the prosecution authorities, which have a duty to take action automatically in cases where evidence of criminal offences is***

uncovered, and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures;

Or. sl

Amendment 126
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures;

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to *public* documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures; *encourages the establishment by media associations and unions of unitary 'codes of conduct' in the field of journalism;*

Or. en

Amendment 127
Hannu Takkula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures;

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures, ***so that media freedom does not lead to licence for calculated insult and negative misrepresentation;***

Or. en

Amendment 128
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from ***editors*** or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to

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documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures;

to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners, ***for instance by agreeing with media owners on codes of conduct for editorial independence***, and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; ***draws attention to the risks of self-censorship as a result of various forms of threats and pressures on journalists***; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing ***and to protecting the right of journalists to freely choose the way of expressing***

redress procedures;

their views; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism ***also by involving European funds*** and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures ***and by investment in professional training***;

Or. en

Amendment 130

Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls ***for*** the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and ***to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures***;

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups ***and points at the importance of editorial charters to prevent owners, governments or external stakeholders from interfering with news content***; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls ***upon the Member states to establish a solid and extensive legal framework with regard to freedom of governmental information and access to public documents; appeals to the Member States to provide legal guarantees regarding*** the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and ***calls*** for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often

threatened as a result of their activities;
highlights the need to support and promote
investigative journalism and ***urges the
Member States and the European
Commission to come up with mechanisms
to support and promote independent
investigative journalism;***

Or. en

Amendment 131
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental ***and*** calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures;

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental ***for journalists and citizens;*** calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls ***on all EU Member States to decriminalize defamation;*** calls for journalists to be protected from ***intimidation, harassment,*** threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; ***furthermore underlines that such pressure has a chilling effect on free expression that leads to self-censorship among media;*** highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures ***notably through***

professional training;

Or. en

Amendment 132

Rui Tavares

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures;

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; ***regrets that political pressure is exercised against the media in many EU Member States, raising concerns amongst European and international organisations, academic and civil society; emphasises the importance to engage in dialogue with authorities in order to prevent the adoption of legislation that endangers media freedom and independence and seeks to curb critical to the majority voices;*** highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; ***regrets the violence against journalists manifested in some Member States such as Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Italy, Greece, Spain; underlines the importance of preventing violence against and harassment of journalists while covering demonstrations and public events, as was witnessed in countries such***

as Greece, Portugal, Romania, Spain, while stressing the need for law enforcement to respect the role played by the media and ensure they can report freely and safely; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by developing professional standards and appropriate redress procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 133
Philip Claeys

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Stresses that the official protection which must be given to the media and journalists is not a licence to infringe democratically adopted legislation or deny fundamental rights such as the right to privacy, the right to respect for private life, the right to respect for reputation and honour or the ban on the unauthorised interception of telephone calls or other communications or on stalking people in the street for photographs; notes that the need for journalists and the media to protect confidential sources and whistleblowers must be balanced against the right of the national authorities and judiciaries, independently of political or other influences, to curb wrongdoing by the media and journalists through procedures established under the rule of law;

Or. nl

Amendment 134
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Stresses the importance of fighting against impunity; authorities in the Member States cannot address threats, violence and the security of journalists without assurances from political, judicial and police bodies that they will take decisive action against anyone who attacks journalists and their work. Impunity affects not only the freedom of the press but also the day-to-day work of journalists, as it creates a climate of fear and self-censorship;

Or. sl

Amendment 135
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Stresses that an increasing number of journalists find themselves employed under precarious conditions, lacking social guarantees common on the normal job market and calls for an improvement of the working conditions of media professionals;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Renate Weber, Ioan Enciu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Calls on Member States to adopt legislation as to prevent the infiltration of newsrooms by intelligence officers since such practices highly endanger freedom of expression as they allow for the surveillance of newsrooms and generate a climate of distrust, hamper the gathering of information and threaten the confidentiality of sources and ultimately attempt to misinform and manipulate the public, as well as damage the credibility of media;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Stresses that especially in times of austerity, the monitoring role of journalists is essential in ensuring a well functioning democracy and good governance; notes with concern that especially at local government level, as well as at European Union level, the number of journalists monitoring democracy and good governance is decreasing; calls on Member States and all concerned parties to provide for sufficient funding, especially for investigative journalism;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Calls on Member States to create a formal and legal distinction between internet-based media which is created by journalists, including written and audio-visual variants, adhering to journalistic standards and codes of conduct, and internet-based media which is produced by laymen, such as personal blogs;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Rui Tavares, Judith Sargentini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Regrets the reluctance of EU Member States to de-criminalise defamation, as shown by the fact that amongst the EU27 only 5 member states have de-criminalised defamation;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Emphasizes the need to promote

ethical journalism in media; calls upon the European Commission to propose a legal instrument (e.g. by means of a recommendation such as the recommendation of 20 December 2006 on the protection of minors and human dignity and on the right of reply in relation to the competitiveness of the European audiovisual and online information services industry) to ensure that the Member States oblige the media sector to develop professional standards and ethical codes which include the obligation to indicate a difference between facts and opinions in reporting, the necessity of accuracy, impartiality and objectivity, respect for people's privacy, the duty to correct misinformation and the right of reply; this legal framework should foresee the establishment by the media sector of an independent media regulatory authority – operating independently from political or other external interference – that can treat complaints about the press based on the professional standards and ethical codes, and that has the authority to take appropriate sanctions;

Or. en

Amendment 141

Renate Weber, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff, Ioan Enciu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Supports the practical, bottom-up efforts initiated by European journalists to defend their fundamental rights by instituting a drop-in centre to document alleged violations of those rights (in line with the pilot project (Amendment No 1225) which was adopted by the plenary

as part of Parliament's position on the 2013 budget on 23 October 2012);

Or. en

Amendment 142
Judith Sargentini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Underlines the importance of ensuring the independence of journalists, both from internal pressures from editors or owners and externally from political or economic lobbies or other interest groups; regrets that political pressure is exercised against the media in many EU member states, with special emphasis given to Hungary, where since 2010 the media structure has been fundamentally reorganised, raising concerns amongst European and international organisations, academic and civil society; emphasises the importance to engage in dialogue with authorities in order to prevent the adoption of legislation that endangers media freedom and independence and seeks to curb critical to the majority voices; highlights the fact that the right of access to documents and information is fundamental and calls for the full protection of the confidentiality of sources principle and for the strict application of the European Court of Human Rights case-law in this area, including in relation to whistle-blowing; calls for journalists to be protected from threats and violence, as investigative journalists are often threatened as a result of their activities; regrets the violence against journalists manifested in some member states such as Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Italy, Greece, Spain; underlines

the importance of preventing violence against and harassment of journalists while covering demonstrations and public events, as was witnessed in countries such as Greece, Portugal, Romania, Spain, while stressing the need for law enforcement to respect the role played by the media and ensure they can report freely and safely; highlights the need to support and promote investigative journalism and to promote ethical journalism in the media by encouraging the development of professional standards and appropriate redress procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Underlines the need to *draw up rules in relation to political information in the audiovisual media in order to* guarantee fair access to different political competitors, opinions and viewpoints, in particular on the occasion of elections and referenda, with a view to ensuring that citizens can form their opinions without undue influence from one dominant opinion-forming power;

Amendment

8. Underlines the need to guarantee fair access to different political competitors, opinions and viewpoints, in particular on the occasion of elections and referenda, with a view to ensuring that citizens can form their opinions without undue influence from one dominant opinion-forming power;

Or. pl

Amendment 144
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Underlines the need to draw up rules in relation to political information in the audiovisual media in order to guarantee fair access to different political competitors, opinions and viewpoints, in particular on the occasion of elections and referenda, with a view to ensuring that citizens can form their opinions without undue influence from one dominant opinion-forming power;

Amendment

8. Underlines the need to draw up rules in relation to political information in the audiovisual media in order to guarantee fair access to different political competitors, opinions and viewpoints, in particular on the occasion of elections and referenda, with a view to ensuring that citizens can form their opinions without undue influence from one dominant opinion-forming power; ***notes the fact that these rules have to be properly enforced by the regulatory bodies;***

Or. en

Amendment 145
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Underlines the need ***to draw up*** rules in relation to political information ***in the*** audiovisual media in order to guarantee fair access to different political competitors, opinions and viewpoints, in particular on the occasion of elections and referenda, with a view to ensuring that citizens can form their opinions without undue influence from one dominant opinion-forming power;

Amendment

8. Underlines the need ***for*** rules in relation to political information ***in the whole*** audiovisual media ***sector*** in order to guarantee fair access to different political competitors, opinions and viewpoints, in particular on the occasion of elections and referenda, with a view to ensuring that citizens can form their opinions without undue influence from one dominant opinion-forming power;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Petru Constantin Luhan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Underlines that the fundamental right to freedom of expression and freedom of the media is not only reserved for traditional media but also covers social media and other forms of new media.

Or. en

Amendment 147
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. stresses the need for more legal harmonisation measures to protect minors, primarily with regard to online content; proposes in addition the formulation of detailed regulations and more European standards banning hate speech and ensuring respect for human dignity, such as the restrictions on freedom of expression which are enshrined in the constitution;

Or. hu

Amendment 148
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Highlights that in an increasingly digital environment, public service media play an essential role in ensuring that citizens are able to access information

online and form their opinion from a variety of sources; acknowledges in that regard that the provision of internet services by public service media contributes to their mission;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Highlights that in an increasingly digital environment, public service media play an essential role in ensuring that citizens are able to access information online and form their opinion from a variety of sources;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Josef Weidenholzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Media freedom also includes people's right to acquire unrestricted access to information by means of new social media and exchange information on political events. Measures are therefore needed which strengthen and do not restrict internet freedom. Fundamental democratic freedoms such as banning prior censorship, freedom of speech or the right to privacy must therefore also be guaranteed in the internet;

Amendment 151
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Emphasises the growing importance of news aggregators, search engines and other intermediaries in the dissemination and access to information and news content on the internet and calls upon the Commission to include these internet actors in the EU regulatory framework when revising the Audiovisual Media Services Directive in order to tackle the problems of discrimination of content and distortion of source selection;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Rui Tavares
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Judith Sargentini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Underlines the importance of ensuring freedom of expression and information on the internet, notably through guaranteeing net neutrality;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Stresses that dealing with the question of cross-border media provision is vital with regard to jurisdiction issues; takes the view that discrepancies between the regulations and practices of the authorities in individual Member States make it very difficult to take effective, substantive action against providers established in another Member State, and that media organisations thus have the opportunity to evade liability through their choice of the location of their seat or of the jurisdiction; therefore proposes that the solution to this problem, in addition to more detailed joint regulations than exist at present, would be to make it possible to take effective action against cross-border providers;

Or. hu

Amendment 154
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Encourages the Commission and the Member States – in the framework of the Commission's media literacy policy – to pay sufficient attention to the importance of media education to provide citizens with the skills of critical interpretation and the ability to sift through the ever-growing volume of information;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8c. Emphasises that the most comprehensive possible involvement of co-regulatory organisations in mass media monitoring is indispensable; recalls that self-regulation which is completely independent of the state does not make this possible, since the differing constitutional and public administration systems in the Member States mean that it cannot be made subject to common uniform rules;

Or. hu

Amendment 156
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8c. Calls on the Commission to check whether the Member States allocate their broadcasting license on the basis of objective, transparent, non-discriminating and proportional criteria;

Or. en

Amendment 157
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8d. Stresses that another important part of joint media regulation is harmonisation of certain issues surrounding market entry rules, including standardising media provision fees payable to the media authority (to cover linear media services provided via cable, satellite and the internet);

Or. hu

Amendment 158
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Underlines the importance of monitoring media freedom in Europe and reporting on a yearly basis on the matter, on the basis of the detailed standards developed by the Council of Europe and the OSCE and of the risk-based analytical approach and indicators developed by the independent study drawn up for the Commission, in liaison with NGOs, stakeholders and experts; believes that the Commission, the Fundamental Rights Agency and/or the EUI Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom must carry out this task;

9. Underlines the importance of monitoring media freedom in Europe and reporting on a yearly basis on the matter, on the basis of the detailed standards developed by the Council of Europe and the OSCE and of the risk-based analytical approach and indicators developed by the independent study drawn up for the Commission, in liaison with NGOs, stakeholders and experts; ***underlines the importance of making these common European standards known for the wider public;*** believes that the Commission, the Fundamental Rights Agency and/or the EUI Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom must carry out this task;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines the importance of monitoring media freedom in **Europe** and reporting on a yearly basis on the matter, on the basis of the detailed standards developed by the Council of Europe and the OSCE and of the risk-based analytical approach and indicators developed by the independent study drawn up for the Commission, in liaison with NGOs, stakeholders and experts; believes that the Commission, the Fundamental Rights Agency and/or the EUI Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom must carry out this task;

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9. Underlines the importance **and urgency** of **regular** monitoring **of** media freedom in **all Member States** and reporting on a yearly basis on the matter, on the basis of the detailed standards developed by the Council of Europe and the OSCE and of the risk-based analytical approach and indicators developed by the independent study drawn up for the Commission, in liaison with NGOs, stakeholders and experts **to monitor and supervise the development of and changes in media legislation**; believes that the Commission, the Fundamental Rights Agency and/or the EUI Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom must carry out this task;

Or. sl

Amendment 160
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines the importance of monitoring media freedom in Europe and reporting on a yearly basis on the matter, on the basis of the detailed standards developed by the Council of Europe and the OSCE and of the risk-based analytical approach and indicators developed by the independent study drawn up for the Commission, in liaison with NGOs, stakeholders and experts; believes that the Commission, the Fundamental Rights Agency and/or the EUI Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom must carry out this task;

Amendment

9. Underlines the importance of **annually** monitoring media freedom **and pluralism** in Europe and reporting on a yearly basis on the matter, on the basis of the detailed standards developed by the Council of Europe and the OSCE and of the risk-based analytical approach and indicators developed by the independent study drawn up for the Commission, in liaison with NGOs, stakeholders and experts; believes that the Commission, **in cooperation with** the Fundamental Rights Agency and/or the EUI Centre for Media Pluralism and Media

Freedom, must carry out this task *and publish an annual report with the results of that monitoring; believes that the Commission should present that report to the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers and make proposals for any actions and measures arising from its conclusions;*

Or. bg

Amendment 161
Zbigniew Ziobro

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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9a. Calls on the Polish authorities to stop discrimination of catholic TV Trwam and restore pluralism in public media;

Or. en

Amendment 162
Marco Scurria

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Notes that in a multi-media society, where the number of commercially-driven global market players has increased, strong public service media are essential to guarantee a pluralistic media landscape and for safeguarding and promoting freedom of expression, as long as it can keep it necessary distance from governmental influence;

Or. en

Amendment 163
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Emphasises that Member States must ensure that journalists' working conditions comply with the provisions of the European Social Charter; stresses the importance of collective contracts for journalists and of trade union representation of journalists' collectives, which must be permitted for all employees, even if they are members of a small group, work in small companies or have non-standard forms of contract, such as temporary or interim work, as security of employment allows them to speak and act together and more easily and effectively uphold their professional standards;

Or. sl

Amendment 164
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Commission to launch the Communication on the indicators for media pluralism in the EU Member States, according to the proposed 'three-step approach', as mentioned in January 2007; notes that the Communication should be followed by a wide public consultation with all involved actors;

Amendment 165
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Commission to follow-up on the report of the High Level Group on Media Freedom, in particular through the drafting of a proposal for a set of EU Guidelines on Media Freedom and Pluralism;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Believes that the EU has competences to take legislative measures to guarantee, protect and promote freedom of expression and of information, media freedom and pluralism, at least as much as it has in relation to the protection of minors and of human dignity, cultural diversity, citizens' access to information about and/or the coverage of important events, promoting the rights of persons with disabilities, consumer protection in relation to commercial communications, the right to reply, which are general interests covered by the AVMSD; at the same time, believes that any regulation should be done on the basis of a detailed and careful analysis of the situation in the

EU and in its Member States, of the problems to be solved and the best ways to address them; believes that non-legislative initiatives, such as monitoring, self-regulation, codes of conduct, as well as the activation of article 7 TEU when appropriate, shall be better pursued at this stage, as requested by most stakeholders, bearing in mind that some of the most striking threats to media freedom in some Member States come from newly adopted legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission to institutionalise EU-level cooperation and coordination on the media, for instance by establishing a European regulators' group for audiovisual media services, and to harmonise the status of the national regulatory authorities provided for in Articles 29 and 30 of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD), ensuring that they are independent, impartial and transparent as regards their decision-making processes, the exercise of their powers and the monitoring process, and that they have appropriate sanctioning powers to ensure that their decisions are implemented;

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Or. pl

Amendment 168
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission to institutionalise EU-level cooperation and coordination on the media, *for instance* by establishing a European regulators' group for audiovisual media services, and to harmonise the status of the national regulatory authorities provided for in Articles 29 and 30 of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD), ensuring that they are independent, impartial and transparent as regards their decision-making processes, the exercise of their powers and the monitoring process, and that they have appropriate sanctioning powers to ensure that their decisions are implemented;

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10. Calls on the Commission to institutionalise EU-level cooperation and coordination on the media, by establishing a European regulators' group for audiovisual media services, and to harmonise the status of the national regulatory authorities provided for in Articles 29 and 30 of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) *and strengthen their role in the next revision of the AVMSD*, ensuring that they are independent, impartial and transparent as regards their decision-making processes, the exercise of their powers and the monitoring process, and that they have appropriate sanctioning powers to ensure that their decisions are implemented;

Or. en

Amendment 169
Sophia in 't Veld, Sonia Alfano, Gianni Vattimo, Niccolò Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission to institutionalise EU-level cooperation and coordination on the media, for instance by establishing a European regulators' group for audiovisual media services, and to harmonise the status of the national regulatory authorities provided for in Articles 29 and 30 of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD), ensuring that they are independent, impartial and transparent as regards their decision-making processes, the exercise of

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10. *Repeats its call on the Commission to guarantee the respect, protection and promotion of the fundamental right to freedom of expression and information, media freedom and pluralism in the EU and in its Member States by issuing a legislative initiative, to ensure the full application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, of the ECHR and of the related jurisprudence on positive obligations in the field of media; such initiative shall include provisions on*

their powers and the monitoring process, and that they have appropriate sanctioning powers to ensure that their decisions are implemented;

transparency on media ownership, media concentration, conflict of interest rules to prevent undue influence from political and economic powers on the media, independence of media supervisory bodies; in this perspective, Calls on the Commission to institutionalise EU-level cooperation and coordination on the media, for instance by establishing a European regulators' group for audiovisual media services, and to harmonise the status of the national regulatory authorities provided for in Articles 29 and 30 of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD), ensuring that they are independent, impartial and transparent as regards their decision-making processes, the exercise of their powers and the monitoring process, and that they have appropriate sanctioning powers to ensure that their decisions are implemented;

Or. en

Amendment 170
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission to institutionalise EU-level cooperation and coordination on the media, for instance by establishing a European regulators' group for audiovisual media services, and to harmonise the status of the national regulatory authorities ***provided for in Articles 29 and 30 of the*** Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD), ***ensuring*** that they are ***independent, impartial and transparent as regards their decision-making processes, the exercise of their powers and the monitoring process,*** and that they have appropriate sanctioning

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10. Calls on the Commission to institutionalise EU-level cooperation and coordination on the media, for instance by establishing a European regulators' group for audiovisual media services, and to harmonise the status of the national regulatory authorities ***by amending the*** Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) ***in order to ensure*** that they are impartial, transparent ***and act with complete independence in exercising the duties and*** powers ***entrusted to them;*** and that they have appropriate sanctioning powers to ensure that their decisions are

powers to ensure that their decisions are implemented;

implemented; ***calls on the Commission to monitor that the media regulatory authorities respect the requirement of necessity and proportionality while imposing sanctions;***

Or. en

Amendment 171
Georgios Papanikolaou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission to institutionalise EU-level cooperation and coordination on the media, for instance by establishing a European regulators' group for audiovisual media services, and to harmonise the status of the national regulatory authorities provided for in Articles 29 and 30 of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD), ensuring that they are independent, impartial and transparent as regards their decision-making processes, the exercise of their powers and the monitoring process, and that they have appropriate sanctioning powers to ensure that their decisions are implemented;

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10. Calls on the Commission to institutionalise EU-level cooperation and coordination on the media, for instance by establishing a European regulators' group for audiovisual media services, and to harmonise the status of the national regulatory authorities provided for in Articles 29 and 30 of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD), ensuring that they are independent, impartial and transparent as regards their decision-making processes, the exercise of their powers and the monitoring process and that they have appropriate sanctioning powers to ensure that their decisions are implemented; ***calls on the Commission to establish clearly the remit of the regulatory authorities, particularly in terms of regulating and monitoring the non-political nature of media content;***

Or. el

Amendment 172
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission to institutionalise EU-level cooperation and coordination on the media, for instance by establishing a European regulators' group for audiovisual media services, and to harmonise the status of the national regulatory authorities provided for in Articles 29 and 30 of the *Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD)*, **ensuring** that they are independent, impartial and transparent as regards their decision-making processes, the exercise of their powers and the monitoring process, and that they have appropriate sanctioning powers to ensure that their decisions are implemented;

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10. Calls on the Commission to ***review the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) and evaluate extending its scope to minimum standards for the respect, protection and promotion of the fundamental right to freedom of expression and information, media freedom and pluralism, and implement the related EU and ECHR jurisprudence, as the directive objective is to create an area without internal frontiers for audiovisual media services whilst ensuring at the same time a high level of protection of objectives of general interest, as the jurisprudence has spelled out the authorities' " positive obligation to put in place an appropriate legislative and administrative framework to guarantee effective pluralism"***^{14a}; ***consequently calls the Commission to*** institutionalise EU-level cooperation and coordination on the media, for instance by establishing a European regulators' group for audiovisual media services, and to harmonise the status of the national regulatory authorities provided for in Articles 29 and 30 of the *AVMSD*, ***ensuring - as it happens for and on the basis of the model of regulatory authorities in the framework of electronic communications -*** that they are independent, impartial and transparent as regards their decision-making processes, the exercise of their powers and the monitoring process, ***effectively funded to carry out their activities*** and that they have appropriate sanctioning powers to ensure that their decisions are implemented; ***calls on Member States to immediately proceed with reforms to achieve these objectives;***

^{14a} ECHR, *Centro Europa 7*, 7 June 2012, par. 134.

Or. en

Amendment 173
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the Commission to ***institutionalise EU-level cooperation and coordination on the media, for instance by establishing a European regulators' group for audiovisual media services, and to harmonise the status of the*** national regulatory authorities provided for in Articles 29 and 30 of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD), ***ensuring that they*** are independent, impartial and transparent as regards their decision-making processes, the exercise of their powers and the monitoring process, and that they have appropriate sanctioning powers to ensure that their decisions are implemented;

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10. Calls on the Commission to ***encourage*** cooperation and ***exchange of best practices amongst*** national regulatory authorities provided for in Articles 29 and 30 of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD). ***Member States should ensure that national regulatory authorities*** are independent, impartial and transparent as regards their decision-making processes, the exercise of their powers and the monitoring process, ***effectively funded to carry out their activities***, and that they have appropriate sanctioning powers to ensure that their decisions are implemented;

Or. en

Amendment 174
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

10a. Calls on the Commission to ensure compliance with the recommendations by the European Parliament, Commission and the Council of Europe on the preservation of the dual system of public and private TV and radio stations, namely by ensuring that "public broadcasting services have the resources and instruments necessary to guarantee an

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effective independence regarding political pressure and market forces";

Or. en

Amendment 175
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls on the National Regulatory Authorities to cooperate and coordinate themselves at EU level on media, for instance by establishing a European Regulators Association for audiovisual media services, and harmonize the status of the National Regulatory Authorities foreseen by Articles 29 and 30 AVMSD by ensuring they are independent, impartial and transparent, both in the decision-making process and in the exercise of their power, as well as in the monitoring process, and provide them with appropriate sanctioning powers to ensure their decisions are implemented;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

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10b. Calls on the Commission to gather information on legislation and good practices for the definition of public service standards, both in public and private channels;

Amendment 177
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

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10c. Calls on the Commission to initiate procedures for the establishment of a directive on minimum standards for the respect of media freedom and pluralism in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

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10d. Calls on the Commission to implement the Media Pluralism Monitoring Tool (MPM) for assessing media freedom across the EU already developed in the independent study "The indicators for media pluralism in the Member States - Towards a risk-based approach" asked by the Commission in 2007 and issued in 2009;

Or. en

Amendment 179
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the *Commission and the* Member States to take appropriate and timely measures where concerns arise in relation to freedom of expression, information, media freedom and pluralism in the *EU and in its* Member States;

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11. Calls on the Member States to take appropriate and timely measures where concerns arise in relation to freedom of expression, information, media freedom and pluralism in the Member States;

Or. pl

Amendment 180
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to take appropriate and timely measures where concerns arise in relation to freedom of expression, information, media freedom and pluralism in the EU and in its Member States;

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11. *Notes with concern that in the aftermath of 9/11, legislation regarding access to documents and the protection of sources has deteriorated in various Member States, seriously hindering the work of investigative journalists;* calls on the Commission and the Member States to take appropriate and timely measures where concerns arise in relation to freedom of expression, information, media freedom and pluralism in the EU and in its Member States; *stresses that new EU legislation such as the Market Abuse Directive should in no way interfere with the freedom of the media;*

Or. en

Amendment 181
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to take appropriate and timely measures where concerns arise in relation to freedom of expression, information, media freedom and pluralism in the EU and in its Member States;

Amendment

11. Calls on the Commission, **the Council** and the Member States to take appropriate and timely, **proportionate and progressive** measures where concerns arise in relation to freedom of expression, information, media freedom and pluralism in the EU and in its Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 182

Claude Moraes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. In the case of further accessions to the EU, emphasis should be added to the protection of freedoms and the freedom of speech which are widely considered to be elements of the human rights and democracy conditionality of the Copenhagen criteria; calls on the Commission to continue to monitor the performance and progress of EU candidate countries for the protection of media freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 183

Antigoni Papadopoulou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls on the Commission and the

Member States to take appropriate and timely measures where concerns arise about the protection of personal data, personal and family life as regards freedom of expression, media freedom and information;

Or. en

Amendment 184
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls Member States to update their transposition of Directive 2010/13/EU and Decision 2008/913/JHA in order to make judicially punishable xenophobic, and totalitarian nostalgic expressions also in Internet Social Media, particularly those related to the national-socialist era;

Or. en

Amendment 185
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls on the Commission to consider introducing an EU Media certificate to demonstrate media compliance with the standards called for in this document;

Or. sl

Amendment 186
Rui Tavares

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls on the Commission to enforce competition law on the media market, specifically by taking into account pluralism, independence and media freedom as essential conditions to the service provision and fair competition in this market;

Or. en

Amendment 187
Claude Moraes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Calls on the Commission to ensure that criteria based on media pluralism and ownership are included in every Impact Assessment undertaken for new initiatives on legislative proposals;

Or. en

Amendment 188
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Calls the Commission and the Member States to ensure transparency in media

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ownership and to *ascertain* whether public funds are used efficiently by Member States in relation to the public service media;

ownership and to *monitor* whether public funds are used efficiently *and transparently* by Member States in relation to the public service media;

Or. en

Amendment 189
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls the Commission and the Member States to ensure transparency in media ownership and to ascertain whether public funds *are used efficiently* by Member States *in relation* to the public service media;

Amendment

12. Calls *on* the Commission and the Member States to ensure transparency in media ownership and to ascertain whether public funds *destined* by Member States to the public service media *are used in strict accordance with Protocol 29 to the Treaties*;

Or. en

Amendment 190
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls the Commission and the Member States to ensure transparency in media ownership *and to ascertain whether* public funds are used *efficiently* by Member States in relation to the public service media;

Amendment

12. Calls the Commission and the Member States to ensure transparency in media ownership; *recalls that the way* public funds are used by Member States in relation to the public service media *needs to be transparent*;

Or. en

Amendment 191
Frank Engel, Wim van de Camp, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls the Commission and the Member States to ensure transparency in media ownership ***and to ascertain whether public funds are used efficiently by Member States in relation to the public service media;***

Amendment

12. Calls the Commission and the Member States to ensure transparency in media ownership;

Or. en

Amendment 192
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls the Commission and the Member States to ensure transparency in media ***ownership and to ascertain whether*** public funds are used efficiently by Member States in relation to ***the*** public service media;

Amendment

12. Calls the Commission and the Member States to ensure transparency in ***the ownership of*** media, ***as well as to scrutinize if*** public funds are used efficiently ***and in a transparent way*** by Member States in relation to public service media;

Or. en

Amendment 193
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Expresses concern at the lack of

transparency in media ownership in Europe and consequently calls on the Commission and the Member States to take initiatives to ensure transparency in media ownership and management, notably by requiring broadcast, print and similar media to submit to national media authorities, company registers and the public sufficient ownership information to allow identification of the beneficial and ultimate owners of media outlets, for instance by further developing the Mavise database;

Or. en

Amendment 194
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls on the Member States to reinforce ownership rules and transparency of ownership rules; underlines the importance of making public all owners and co-owners, their CVs and their financing in order to allow citizens to check what are the interests behind their media;

Or. en

Amendment 195
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Calls on the EU and Member States

to ensure that freedom of expression is fully respected on the Internet in relation to the provision and circulation of information and warns against efforts by authorities to require registrations or authorisations, or curb content allegedly harmful by them;

Or. en

Amendment 196
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Underlines that Freedom of Media should include as well freedom of access to media by ensure the effective supply of and access to broadband Internet by all European citizens, within an reasonable timeframe and cost by further developing wireless technologies including satellite enabling Internet connectivity;

Or. en

Amendment 197
Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12c. Underlines that according to the European Court of Human Rights jurisprudence, authorities have positive obligations under Article 10 ECHR to protect freedom of expression as one of the preconditions for a functioning democracy, as "genuine effective exercise

of certain freedoms does not depend merely on the State's duty not to interfere, but may require positive measures of protection";

Or. en

Amendment 198
Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Encourages the Commission and Member States, in the framework of the Commission's media literacy policy, to pay sufficient attention to the importance of media education, which must provide citizens with the skills of critical interpretation and the ability to sift through the ever-growing volume of information.

Or. bg

Amendment 199
Frank Engel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Recognises the changing media landscape in particular in the digital environment and the increasing dominant position of major technological companies, including search engines, which could result in unfair competition with the press sector and breach of copyright legislation; calls on the Commission to ensure that EU competition and copyright rules are

enforced in this respect;

Or. en